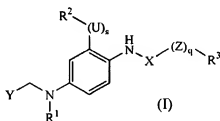


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A substituted p-diaminobenzene derivative of the general formula I



wherein:

s is 0 or 1;

U is O, S, SO<sub>2</sub>, SONR<sup>11</sup>, C≡O or CONR<sup>11</sup>; wherein:

R<sup>11</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, or C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl; or

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> taken together with the nitrogen atom form a 5-8 membered saturated or unsaturated ring, which optionally contains 1, 2 or 3 further heteroatoms;

q is 0 or 1;

X is CO or SO<sub>2</sub>; with the proviso that q is 0 when X is SO<sub>2</sub>;

Z is O or S;

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, acyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, cyano-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl or cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, Ar- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, acyl, hydroxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, halogen, halo- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, halo- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, halo- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, cyano, cyano- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, cyano- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, cyano- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $NR^{10}R^{10'}$ - $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $NR^{10}R^{10'}$ - $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl or  $NR^{10}R^{10'}$ - $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl; wherein:

$R^{10}$  and  $R^{10'}$  are each independently hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, halo- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, halo- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, halo- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, cyano- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, cyano- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl or cyano- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl; or

$R^{10}$  and  $R^{10'}$  taken together with the nitrogen atom form a 5-8 membered saturated or unsaturated ring, which optionally contains 1, 2 or 3 further heteroatoms; with the proviso that:

when  $R^2$  is halogen or cyano, then s is 0; and

when s is 1 and  $R^2$  is a hydrogen atom or acyl, then U is O or S;

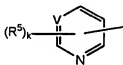
$R^3$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, heterocycloalk(en)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, heterocycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, Ar-heterocycloalk(en)yl, Ar- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yoxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yoxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yoxy- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yoxy-heterocycloalk(en)yl, Ar-oxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yoxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yoxy-carbonyl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yoxy-carbonyl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yoxy-carbonyl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy-heterocycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl- $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy-

C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, halo-heterocycloalk(en)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-Ar, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-Ar, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-Ar, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-Ar, cyano-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, cyano-heterocycloalk(en)yl, cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, cyano-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, cyano-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, acyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, acyl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, acyl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, acyl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, acyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, acyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, NR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>12'</sup>, optionally substituted NR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>12'</sup>-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, optionally substituted NR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>12'</sup>-C<sub>3-8</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, or optionally substituted NR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>12'</sup>-C<sub>3-8</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl; wherein:

R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>12'</sup> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar, Ar-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, Ar-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-heterocycloalk(en)yl, Ar-oxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-oxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, Ar-oxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-oxy-heterocycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, hydroxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, hydroxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, cyano-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, or cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl; or


R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>12'</sup> taken together with the nitrogen atom form a 5-8 membered saturated or unsaturated ring, which optionally contains 1, 2 or 3 further heteroatoms; with the proviso that when R<sup>3</sup> is NR<sup>12</sup>R<sup>12'</sup> then q is 0; and

Y is a group of formula XXXXI:



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wherein:

" represents a bond attaching the group represented by Y to the carbon atom;

V is C or CH; and

k is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

each R<sup>5</sup> is independently C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar, Ar-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, Ar-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-oxy, Ar-oxy-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-oxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, Ar-oxy-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, acyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-oxy, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-oxy, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-oxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-oxy-carbonyl, halogen, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, halo-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, -CO-NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, cyano, cyano-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, cyano-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, S-R<sup>8</sup> or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>; or

two adjacent R<sup>5</sup> groups taken together with the aromatic group form a 5-8 membered ring, which optionally contains one or two heteroatoms; wherein:

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl or Ar;

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar, heterocycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, heterocycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, heterocycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, heterocycloalk(en)yl-Ar or acyl; or

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> taken together with the nitrogen atom form a 5-8 membered saturated or unsaturated ring which optionally contains 1, 2 or 3 further heteroatoms; and

R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, Ar or -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>9</sup>; wherein:

R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl or C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalk(en)yl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl;

or salts thereof.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl or a hydrogen atom.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $s$  is 0.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $s$  is 1.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 4, wherein  $U$  is an oxygen atom.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^2$  is hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl, Ar, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, halogen, halo- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl or cyano; with the provisos that when  $R^2$  is halogen or cyano, then  $s$  is 0; and when  $s$  is 1 and  $R^2$  is a hydrogen atom, then  $U$  is O or S.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $Z$  is an oxygen atom.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $Z$  is a sulfur atom.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $q$  is 0.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $q$  is 1.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $X$  is CO.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^3$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, heterocycloalk(en)yl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, heterocycloalk(en)yl, Ar, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar-oxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, Ar- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl-oxy- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl-oxy-carbonyl- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, halo- $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl,  $NR^{12}R^{12'}$ , optionally substituted  $NR^{12}R^{12'}$ - $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl, or optionally substituted  $NR^{12}R^{12'}$ - $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalk(en)yl.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 12, wherein  $R^{12}$  and  $R^{12'}$  are each independently hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$ -alk(en/yn)yl or Ar.

Claims 14-20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein V is CH.

Claims 22-24 (cancelled).

Claim 25 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 1, wherein each R<sup>5</sup> is independently C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl-heterocycloalk(en)yl, Ar, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yoxy, Ar-oxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yoxy-carbonyl, halogen, halo-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl, NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, S-R<sup>8</sup> or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8</sup>, or two adjacent R<sup>5</sup> groups taken together with the aromatic group form a 5-8 membered ring, which optionally contains one or two heteroatoms.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 25, wherein both R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The compound according to claim 25, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>-alk(en/yn)yl or Ar.

Claim 28 (previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is:

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-{2-methyl-4-[(6-p-toloxypyridin-3-ylmethyl)-amino]-phenyl}-acetamide;

2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-{2-methyl-4-[(6-trifluoromethylpyridin-3-ylmethyl)-amino]-phenyl}-acetamide;

3,3-Dimethyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[(6-p-toloxypyridin-3-ylmethyl)-amino]-phenyl}-butyramide;

3,3-Dimethyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[(6-trifluoromethylpyridin-3-ylmethyl)-amino]-phenyl}-butyramide;

N-[4-{[6-(4-Cyanophenoxy)-pyridin-3-ylmethyl]-amino}-2-methylphenyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-acetamide;

N-[4-{[6-(4-Chloropyridin-3-ylmethyl)-amino]-2-methylphenyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-acetamide; or

2,2-Dimethyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[(6-phenoxy-pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-amino]-phenyl}-propionamide;

or a salt thereof.

Claim 29 (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or diluents and a compound according to claim 1.

Claims 30-45 (cancelled).